Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1 **Individual Application Summary**

Project Name [Number]	Bruggemeyer Memorial Library 1042	Current Square Footage	26,354	
Applicant	Monterey Park, City of	Project Square Footage	53,237	
Operating Library Jurisdiction	Bruggemeyer Memorial Park (Monterey Park)	Service Area Population:	60,051	
Project Type	Remodel & Expansion			
Project Priority	2nd	Anticipated Construction Start Date:	2/15/2004	
Joint Use Type	N/A			
Multipurpose?	NO	Total Project Amount		\$13,869,000
Leased Site:	NO	State Grant Amount		\$8,845,850

Bond Act Factors [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	Rated	Other
Needs of urban and rural areas:		[see map]
Population growth:		33%
Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):		Yes
Age and condition of existing library:	Poor Condition (= Very Good)	
Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:	Outstanding	
Plan of Service integrates appropriate electronic technology:	Outstanding	
Appropriateness of proposed site for the proposed project:	Outstanding	
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Summary of Review Panel Comments

Population Growth 32.6%

Age and Condition The existing library was built in 1959 and was renovated in 1979. Major deficiencies of the current facility: inadequate technology infrastructure; inadequate space for all functions and services; inadequate acoustical control; non-compliance with ADA and seismic codes; worn out mechanical systems; lack of flexibility. Asbestos containing materials were located in floor tiles and will need to be removed by a qualified abatement contractor. The feasibility study indicates that renovation and expansion of the existing facility is more cost effective than replacing it.

Needs of residents/response of proposed project to needs The needs assessment process was well done and thorough, involving the broadest possible range of residents. Methodology included multi-lingual surveys sent to each household; focus groups for adults and students with language translators present; stakeholder interviews with community leaders and the school district.

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The plan of service responds to the needs assessment findings very well. In assessing existing programs and determining the need for new services, it was found that current services were on target but needed to be expanded. Goals and objectives are clearly written and directly related to the needs assessment findings.

The building program The building program implements the needs assessment. It is well done, providing a thorough general requirements section that provides an understanding of the overall concepts important to the applicant. Individual spaces are carefully and fully described.

The conceptual plans The drawings fully implement the building program, with virtually no square footage differences between the two documents. Non-assignable square footage is also given.

Joint use agreement: N/A

Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology Technology is currently being utilized to provide library services to the clientele, but space is lacking to do it adequately. The planning documents demonstrate the continuation of appropriate use of technology. Specific technology uses include: significant increase in the availability of PCs and database resources; PCs located throughout the library, near stack areas, for patron convenience in locating information; automated PC reservation/sign-up system; improved Web page design; and migration to a Web-based integrated library automation system.

Appropriateness of Proposed Site The library is located adjacent to the city hall, a city park, daycare center, and boys'/girls' club, as well as single and multi-family residential areas. The library is well located, and the applicant has decided to retain the location and build a second story, which will almost double the square footage. The site is accessible by public and private transportation, by bicycle, and by foot. With the library in close proximity of 3 schools, it appears that 12 parking slots may be inadequate. As a renovation project, the site maximizes the current location, which is appropriate for the planned expansion.

Financial Capacity The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.

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